

HQT Licensure & Content Knowledge Requirements for Alternative Program Teachers

This chart describes the HQT licensure and content knowledge requirements for Alternative Program teachers, including teachers of Pre-Tech Exploratory programs. (An "Alternative Program," as the term is intended here, is one in which students receive any of their instruction in one or more of the core academic content areas of English language arts, math, science, or social studies¹ in a program that is different from or separate from the regular school program. At this time, there are no HQT requirements for technical education courses for which embedded core academic content area credits are offered.) Teachers of special education classes or of alternative programs designed exclusively for special education students should use the *HQT Licensure & Content Knowledge Requirements for Special Educators* chart. Classroom teachers and Title I reading and Title I math teachers should use the HQT licensure and content knowledge requirements chart appropriate to their assignment (see the "Appropriate HQT Requirements for Assignment" table at the end of this document for all available HQT requirements charts).

To be HQT for his/her assignment, an alternative program educator must hold an endorsement appropriate to the assignment AND must meet the corresponding HQT content knowledge requirements for the highest grade level of the subject(s) he/she is teaching. **The instructional levels of the endorsement used must encompass the grade(s) taught in order to be appropriate for the assignment.**

All alternative program educators providing core area instruction using an endorsement issued on or after July 1, 2006 must meet the content knowledge requirements listed in the chart below. Previously issued HQT determinations are valid for the life of the endorsement.

When counting credits, both college coursework and professional development in the core academic content area may be counted toward HQT requirements. For a college course to be counted, a grade of "C-" or higher must be earned. 15 hours of acceptable core academic content area professional development is considered to be the equivalent of one credit. Up to three credits or equivalent credits in content area pedagogy may be counted toward the minimum HQT credit requirements in each core area for alternative program teachers.

More information about HQT and Vermont's Praxis II testing requirements is available online at education.vermont.gov under Educator Licensing. For questions regarding HQT, contact the Office of Professional Standards at (802) 828-1455 or DOE-HQT@state.vt.us.

¹ "Social Studies," as used with federal HQT requirements, is a term encompassing the areas of history, geography, civics and government, and economics.

HQT LICENSURE & CONTENT KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM TEACHERS		
Highest Grade Level Taught	Appropriate Endorsements²	HQT Content Knowledge Requirements for the Core Area Taught³
K-6	<p>Early Childhood Education (0-36) <u>grades K-3 only</u>, OR</p> <p>Elementary Education (1-00), OR</p> <p>Middle Grades English, Math, Science, or Social Studies (4-19 A, B, C, or D) <u>grades 5-6 only</u>, OR</p> <p>Reading Specialist/Coordinator (76 or 78), OR</p> <p>Special Education (81, 82, 85, 86, 87, 67, 68)</p>	<p>Praxis II Elementary Education exam (test code 0014) meets the requirements for all four core academic content areas, OR</p> <p>12 credits in each of the core areas taught, OR</p> <p>Praxis II middle grades or secondary level exams in each of the core content areas taught. Accepted Praxis II exams are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle Grades English (test code 0049) • Middle Grades Mathematics (test code 0069) • Middle Grades Science (test code 0439) • Middle Grades Social Studies (test code 0089) • Secondary English (test code 0041 OR 0042) • Secondary Mathematics (test code 0061 OR 0063) • Secondary Science (test code 0435 AND 0231, 0241, 0571, or 0261) • Secondary Social Studies (test code 0081 OR 0082) <p>For a Special Education endorsement, educator can also meet the HQT content knowledge requirements by having 6 credits in English language arts/reading AND 6 credits in math</p>
7-9	<p>Middle Grades English, Math, Science, or Social Studies (4-19 A, B, C, or D), OR</p> <p>Secondary English, Math, Science, or Social Studies (2-05, 2-11, 2-13, or 2-15), OR</p> <p>Reading Specialist/Coordinator (76 or 78), OR</p> <p>Special Education (81, 82, 85, 86, 87, 67, 68), OR</p> <p>Any of the following Career and Technical Endorsements (01, 04, 32, 34, 35, 10, 92, 17, 18) – <u>Please note that a bachelor's degree is a minimum requirement to be HQT.</u></p>	<p>12 credits in each of the core areas taught, OR</p> <p>Praxis II middle grades or secondary level exams in each of the core content areas taught. Accepted Praxis II exams are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle Grades English (test code 0049) • Middle Grades Mathematics (test code 0069) • Middle Grades Science (test code 0439) • Middle Grades Social Studies (test code 0089) • Secondary English (test code 0041 OR 0042) • Secondary Mathematics (test code 0061 OR 0063) • Secondary Science (test code 0435 AND 0231, 0241, 0571, or 0261) • Secondary Social Studies (test code 0081 OR 0082)

² Any endorsement listed is appropriate for all four core academic content areas as long as the instructional level of the endorsement encompasses the instructional level of the grade(s) taught.

³ Science credits counted towards HQT requirements must be from among biology, chemistry, physics, earth/environmental/atmospheric science, and science pedagogy only. Social Studies credits counted towards HQT requirements must be from among history, geography, economics, civics/government, and social studies pedagogy only. There are no science or social studies distribution requirements for alternative program teachers.

Highest Grade Level Taught	Appropriate Endorsements ²	HQT Content Knowledge Requirements for the Core Area Taught ³
10-12	<p>Secondary English, Math, Science, or Social Studies (2-05, 2-11, 2-13, or 2-15), OR</p> <p>Reading Specialist/Coordinator (76 or 78), OR</p> <p>Special Education (81, 82, 85, 86, 87, 67, 68), OR</p> <p>Any of the following Career and Technical Endorsements (01, 04, 32, 34, 35, 10, 92, 17, 18) – <u>Please note that a bachelor's degree is a minimum requirement to be HQT.</u></p>	<p>15 credits in each of the core content areas taught, OR</p> <p>Praxis II secondary level exams in each of the core content areas taught. Accepted Praxis II exams are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secondary English (test code 0041 OR 0042) • Secondary Mathematics (test code 0061 OR 0063) • Secondary Science (test code 0435 AND 0231, 0241, 0571, or 0261) • Secondary Social Studies (test code 0081 OR 0082)

TABLE 1
APPROPRIATE HQT REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSIGNMENT

Use the HQT licensure and content knowledge requirements chart that most closely corresponds to the teaching assignment(s). All HQT licensure and content knowledge requirements charts are available online at education.vermont.gov under Educator Licensing.

Type of Teaching Assignment	Corresponding HQT Requirements Chart
Classroom	<i>HQT Licensure & Content Knowledge Requirements for <u>Classroom Teachers</u></i>
Special Education (primary instruction only)	<i>HQT Licensure & Content Knowledge Requirements for <u>Special Educators</u></i>
Alternative Program (core area instruction only)	<i>HQT Licensure & Content Knowledge Requirements for <u>Alternative Program Teachers</u></i>
Title I Reading and Math Teachers	<i>HQT Licensure & Content Knowledge Requirements for <u>Title I Teachers of Reading and Math</u></i>